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ALLARD RECEIVES "FRIEND OF THE TAXPAYER AWARD" SCORE EARNS ALLARD ONE OF THE TOP RANKS IN THE SENATE ON NATIONAL TAXPAYERS UNION ANNUAL RANKING

Washington, D.C.- U.S. Senator Wayne Allard was presented the "Friend of the Taxpayer" award by the National Taxpayers Union (NTU). The annual award is presented to those members of Congress making a commitment against big government and voting to reduce the tax burden of the American public.

"Senator Allard's pro-taxpayer score was the second highest in the entire Senate," said John Berthoud, NTU President. "By consistently voting to reduce federal spending, taxes and debt, Senator Allard has truly earned the title, 'Taxpayers' Friend."

NTU's 28th annual rating is based on 135 Senate roll call votes in the second session of the 106th Congress, 2000. Allard is one of just nine Senator's whose score earned him an 'A' for dedication toward paying down the debt, reducing taxes, federal spending and regulations.

"I am committed to continuing my work to eliminate wasteful federal spending and reducing the enormous tax burden placed on the American people," Allard said. "It is an honor to once again receive this award."

This is the fifth consecutive year that Allard has received the "Friend of the Taxpayer Award" from the National Taxpayers Union.